



Shovel Ready Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will these sites receive any special preference or acknowledgement on the state's site selection database?

A. If awarded Shovel Ready certification, the site information will be listed on [Indiana Site & Building Database](#). The Shovel Ready logo will be used to identify certified sites.

Q. What State agencies are currently involved in the program?

A. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) will lead the program administration of Shovel Ready and will utilize the Fast Access Site Team (FASTeam) to deliver the fast-track permitting at the State level. The FASTeam includes representatives from the IEDC, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana State Department of Health, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Indiana State Department of Homeland Security.

Q. Are there any maximum or minimum acreage requirements to participate in the program?

A. There are no acreage restrictions for the Shovel Ready program.

Q. What are the eligible expenses that can be reimbursed?

A. The grant portion of the program is designed to help with the costs incurred in completing your application. Each certified site qualifies for reimbursement for the lesser of \$10,000 or 50% of eligible expenses. For example, approved documentation of \$5,000 in total eligible costs would be reimbursed for \$2,500. Approved eligible costs of \$20,000 or more would be reimbursed for \$10,000.

Eligible Costs include:

- Title Verification Fees
- Phase I Environmental Assessment
- Wetland Delineation
- Printing and/or copying fees in preparing binders and/or disks for the application
- Photography fees (Aerial photos, etc.)
- Fees to Obtain Maps Required by the Application
- Other costs determined to be eligible for reimbursement by the IEDC

Ineligible Costs:

- Costs associated with building infrastructure for the site
- Costs incurred more than 6 months prior to the application deadline
- Costs incurred after the application deadline
- Costs incurred by the applicant for items not required in the Shovel Ready application
- Other costs determined to be ineligible for reimbursement by the IEDC

Proof of applicable costs involved in preparing the application will need to be provided by the applicant. There is no guarantee that funds will be available for future application rounds. Funding may be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q. Will any site visits be made?

A. INDOT district personnel and a member of the FASTeam will visit sites that pass the preliminary application review.



Q. What are the minimum standards to participate in the program?

A. Minimum standards include: Community support, site ownership/control, maps/photos, environmental, waters of the state, water and wastewater, transportation infrastructure, electric, natural gas, and high speed communication infrastructure in place (or acceptable plan to bring infrastructure). Please review page one of the [Shovel Ready Program Application](#) for complete screening questions designed to help you answer eligibility questions.

Q. Once my site has been certified what steps do I take to maintain the certification?

A. You must stay in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Site and Building Database Management System and report number of jobs on current site on an annual basis for five years once development is complete. The reporting time may be extended at the discretion of the IEDC.

Q. If I am not awarded certification, how do I reapply for a future round?

A. You may re-submit for Shovel Ready certification by using your existing application for up to a one-year period. In order to reapply, you must send a cover letter and any material changes to your original application to the IEDC.